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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, may I know whether there are any schemes with Government to clear and improve the slums existing on private lands owned by private owners?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The scheme is to acquire these private lands and improve the slums.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : *சேரி அபிவிருத்தி திட்டமானது இதர நகரங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதாக கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தெரிவித்தார்கள். விஸ்தரிக்கப்பட்ட நகரங்களுக்கு 1960-61-ல் ஏதாவது தொகை ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அப்படி ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருந்தால் நடைபெற்ற வேலை விவரங்கள் யாவை?*

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The project in Madurai and Salem Municipal Councils costing Rs. 11·43 lakhs for the provision of 742 open development plots has been forwarded to the Government of India for their approval. *இன்னும் ஒன்றும் முடிவுபெறவில்லை.*

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know, Sir, whether the slum clearance scheme will be taken up during the Third Plan Period by all the municipalities?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : At present the idea is to confine the slum clearance to the Madras City alone. It would not be extended to all municipalities.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Apart from the ameliorative condition in the slum clearance scheme has any care been taken by the Government to prevent new slums springing up in places where slums have been cleared?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We have recently enacted a legislation preventing further development of new slums. The enforcement is, of course, very difficult.

Metric system

* 325 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of industries and trades wherein metric system has been introduced?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Thirty-one (31), Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that even though the practice of metric system has been introduced still all the articles are sold in old system of measures and weights and if so, whether there is any penalty for using such weights and measures?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The changeover can be only gradual. We found it difficult even when the naye Paise was introduced, in calculation, etc. This must be practised gradually.

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Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know, Sir, whether the weights and measures in the Metric System are sold at subsidised price to the shop-keepers and others?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Arrangements have been made for the availability of metric system weights and measures. I am not quite sure whether they are sold at subsidised rates or not.

Sri A. VEDARATHNAM : *இப்பொழுது இருக்கிறவர்களுடைய சிரமம் இதில் நிவர்த்தியாகாது போனாலும், எதிர் காலத்தில் வருகிறவர்களுடைய சிரமத்தை நீக்குவதற்காக பள்ளிகளில் முகத்தல் அளவு, நீட்டல் அளவு, நிறுத்தல் அளவு இவற்றையெல்லாம் பற்றிய மெட்ரிக் முறை டேபிள்களை பாட திட்டங்களில் சேர்ப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் வகை செய்யுமா ? கல்வி இலாகாவிற்கு அம்மாதிரி யோசனை கூறுவார்களா ?*

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I will pass on the suggestion of the hon. Member to my Hon. Colleague.

*** 326 *Q.*—Sri K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sr. M. P. SARATHI) :** *கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—*

(அ) மெட்ரிக் படிக்கற்கள் **(Metric weights)** *அமுல் செய்யப்படும் இடங்களில் போதிய அளவு படிக்கற்கள் கிடைக்க வழிவகை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளதா ?*

(இ) அந்தக் கற்களில் தமிழும், ஆங்கிலமும் இருக்கும்படியாக வகை செய்யப்படுமா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) No, Sir, efforts were taken to have the denominations marked in Tamil and English on the metric weights. It was however finally decided on the advice of the Government of India that the denominations should be marked in Tamil and Devanagari.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. the Minister aware of the fact that the merchants who have been tenderers to manufacture these weights and measures in the Metric System were complaining to the authorities concerned that there is dearth of materials like zinc sheets for making measures and iron also for manufacturing weights and what measures Government have made to make them available early for such manufacturers?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No such complaint was brought to my notice. Probably, it may be temporary. I think everything is being done to make the material available

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*** 327 *Q.*—Mr. SPEAKER :** As the hon. Member who gave notice of Q. No. 327 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.